



Multi Academy Trust

Admissions Policy
Astor College

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Astor College	
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Principal: Mr L Kane Admissions Contact Name: Ms P Powell/Miss K Clubb E-mail: office@astor.dfamat.com	
Type of School: Secondary, Academy, All ability, Mixed	
Age Range: 11-18 Day Pupils	
Specialisms: Arts and Military	
Published Admission No: 210	LA No: 886 DfE No: 4113
Number of Applications for Year 7 Entry September 2016: 388	
Number of Places Offered 2 March 2015: 181	
Expected number on roll: 955	

To access general information about the College, including annual achievement and attainment tables, recent inspection reports and uniform policy, please contact the College or visit the College's website.

Open Sessions:

Tuesday 28 June 2016 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 22 September 2016 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Oversubscription Criteria

Before applying the oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of Special Education Need or an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly. If the number of preferences for the College is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order-

Children in Local Authority Care - a child under the age of 18 years for whom Kent County Council provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they were adopted or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.

Current Family Association - a brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters. If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the LA will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

Health and Special Access Reasons - Medical/Health and Special Access Reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the

Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social need means there is a demonstrable and significant need for their child to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.

Nearness of children's homes to school – The distance between the child's permanent home address and the school is measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for an oversubscribed Community or Voluntary Controlled school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the College, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Supplementary Form Required: No

Waiting lists will be maintained up to January 2018 and will be ranked according to the above oversubscription criteria.

Sixth Form Admissions arrangements

Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. Students are required to fill in an on-line application and a letter of application to the Principal. All students joining us will be asked to sign a Sixth Form Agreement. Entry to Advanced Level courses requires students to have five GCSE's at C or above or the equivalent qualifications in five different subjects. The student should also have achieved a Grade C or above in English Language.

Any students who have not achieved a Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics will be required to retake.

The admission number for external candidates will be **50**, but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal pupils transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall figure for the year group, which is **210**.

6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 1 December 2016 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Over-subscription

See Over-subscription criteria above

After a place has been offered the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

- a. When the parent or learner has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time;
or

- b. When a parent or learner has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or
- c. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or learner.

Offers and Appeals

Offers will be made on the basis of predicted performance at GCSE, with the requirement that the above grades are achieved in the final examinations prior to entry to the Sixth Form and the pupil's 4 chosen subjects being accommodated on the timetable, in feasible group sizes.

All offers made during Year 11 are conditional on pupils meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results. Offer letters will be made before the end of May 2016. Offers will be confirmed once the school has been notified of GCSE results in August 2016.

Where learners have achieved better results than the predicted grades they will be considered based on the grades achieved and ranked accordingly for any places that become available as a result of other learners failing to meet the required entry levels.

Transport

Please note, schools no longer have a designated area from which transport will be provided. In most instances KCC will only fund transport to the nearest school where this school is more than 3 miles from the child's home. Further information about exceptions to this rule can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/education-an-children/schools.school-transport

Kent County Council Fair Access Protocol can be found at:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/17930/Secondary-admissions-booklet-all-areas.pdf